

Remarks

Claims 12-20 are new pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-5 and 7-11 to clarify the present invention. Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

The Examiner has allowed claims 12-20.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 7, 8, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 5,047,994 to Lenhardt et al. The Examiner rejected claims 9 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lenhardt et al. in view of U.S. patent 5,961,443 to Rastatter et al. These rejections are moot since these claims are no longer pending in this application. Applicant does not admit to the rejections and reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

In view of the above, submits that this case is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections based upon the cited references and issuance of the notice of allowance.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant respectfully urges the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit

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Respectfully submitted,

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